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The reply filed on 9-30-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The claims have been amended to "a method for improving the excretory potency of an urinary bladder", which is a **non-elected subject matter** presented in Group III of the restriction on 4-23-03. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 703-305-4485. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7 am -12 pm, and 3 pm - 6 pm) starting from 10-1<sup>st</sup> -03.

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